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NITE HAWK TO RISE AGAIN?

Indian Head Theatre and Community Arts Inc. board member Greg Miller stands in front of the Nite Hawk Theatre in Indian Head on Wednesday. The group is trying to buy the theatre and run it as a community centre and movie house. Story, page 3. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Province's foster care under scrutiny after child's slaying

'Serious concerns.'
New supervision plan for child suspect in death of Lee Bonneau, 6, raising questions about government's management, facilities

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The Saskatchewan government is facing further questions about its foster-care system, while it has no plan to build a locked facility for troubled youths following the recent slaying of a six-year-old, allegedly at the hands of another child.

"We have a range of facilities that ensure the safety of the child," Andrea Brittin, assistant deputy minister of social services, said on Wednesday of the province's plan to house the child suspect at an "out-of-home" facility.

"Some of the facilities in Saskatchewan use intensive staffing models to ensure the children are safe and are receiving the supervision they need."

While declining to comment directly on the killing of Lee Bonneau last month at southeast Saskatchewan's Kahkewistahaw First Nation, the opposition New Democrats said they have "serious concerns" about the provincial government's foster-care system — particularly after the deaths of several children under the watch of family services in recent years.

"This is the fifth foster-child death — categorized as suspicious or criminal — in the past four years (in Saskatchewan)," NDP spokeswoman Erin Morrison told Metro of the death of Bonneau, a ward of the Ministry of Social Services, on Aug. 21 at the reserve near Broadview.

"There are more questions than answers right now."

RCMP have confirmed that the boy who allegedly killed Bonneau with an unspecified weapon is under 12 — the minimum age to face the judicial system under the federal Youth Criminal Justice Act.

The suspect is being held at an unsecured facility equipped with 24-hour supervision, according to the province.

While Alberta and Ontario have locked facilities for such youths, Saskatchewan does not.

"The facilities we have here in the province are very good," Brittin said, noting that if it's determined that the suspect in Bonneau's killing cannot be "safely and securely managed," the ministry might look to other provinces for help.

This past spring, the NDP criticized the province for housing toddlers and infants under its care at Dale's House — a Regina group home for troubled teenagers.

The government described that as a temporary measure and said the younger children had been kept in an area separate from the teens.

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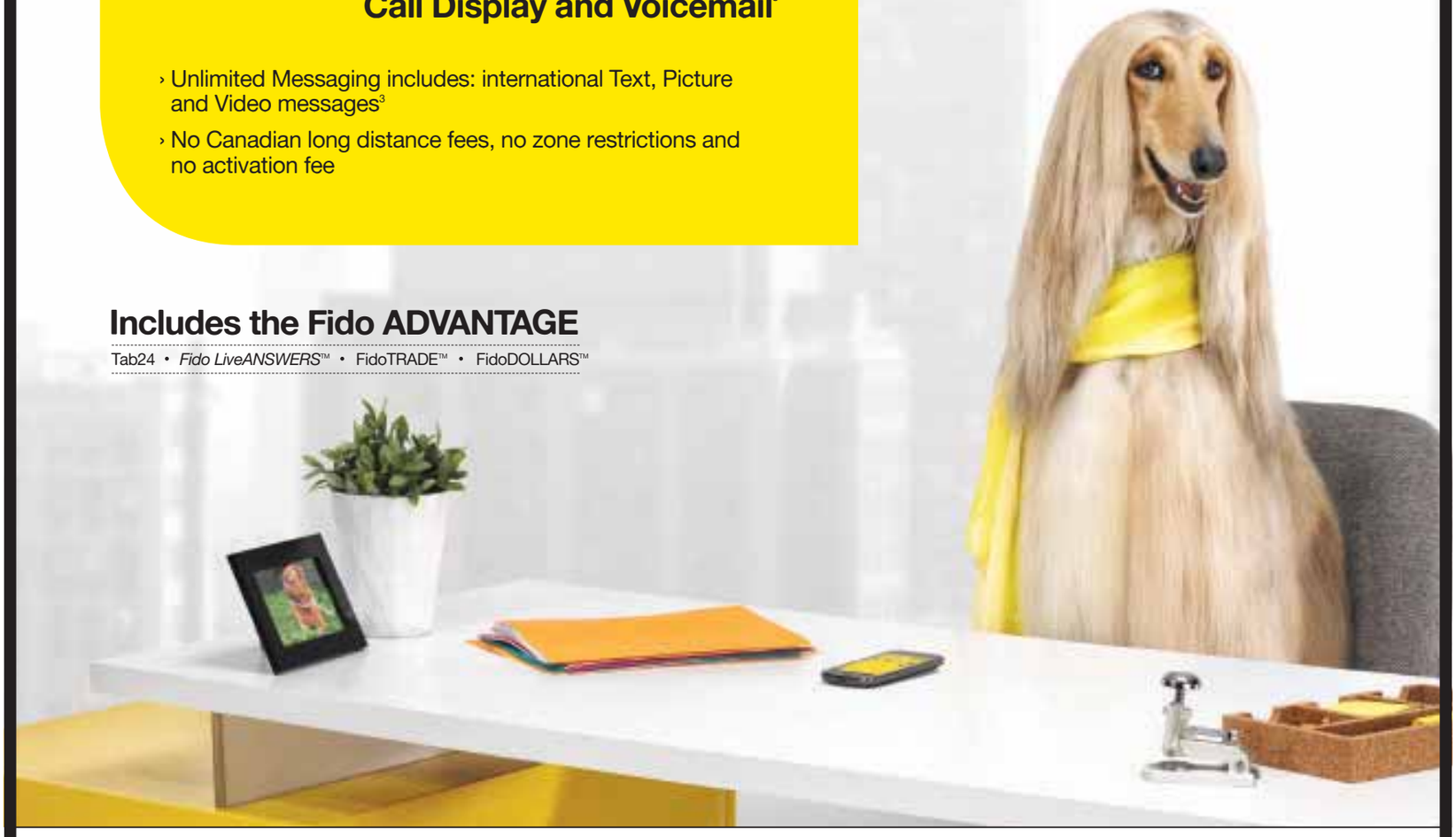

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Capital Cab

Disabled woman left in taxi for three hours

A Regina cab company says it is making changes after a disabled woman was left inside a taxi for three hours because the driver didn't know she was inside.

The woman has an arrangement through social services to take a cab daily to the Cosmopolitan Learning Centre, where she participates in a day program.

A Ministry of Social Services spokesman says the driver didn't realize someone was still inside when he let out the rest of his passengers and returned to the taxi cab compound.

The woman has limited speech and mobility, so wasn't able to alert the driver.

She wasn't discovered until three hours later when the driver returned to the centre to pick her up.

Capital Cab says drivers will now do visual sweeps of their taxis and "vehicle empty" signs will be installed.

The company, working with social services, has also implemented a procedure to sign people in and out when they're picked up and dropped off.

"The cab driver didn't complete a sweep of the vehicle and didn't realize that he hadn't removed her," said ministry spokesman Bob Martinook.

Fortunately, most of the windows and vents had been left open because the temperature outside was 30 C.

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This century-old opera house was converted into a movie theatre in the 1930s, and now Indian Head Theatre and Community Arts Inc. wants to see it also become a community centre for events and programs. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Group wants theatre to be a community centre

Historical venue. A non-profit group hopes to buy the Nite Hawk, upgrade its equipment and then draw bigger bands to Indian Head

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A century ago, it was the first opera house on the Prairies and hosted hundred of travelling performers in the town of Indian Head, but the future of the Nite Hawk Theatre is up in the air — prompting a community group to step forward.

The non-profit group — which officially began in June as Indian Head Theatre and Community Arts Inc. — wants to buy the building, upgrade its equipment and keep the space, which was converted into a movie theatre in the 1930s, as a theatre and community centre hosting programs and events.

"We didn't want to lose the theatre," Greg Miller, a board member of the organization, told Metro in Indian Head, about 70 kilometres east of Regina, on Wednesday.

"There is so much potential to make this, a movie theatre and performing arts centre, into someplace bigger bands will want to stop in."

The group has to raise more than $120,000 to be able to secure a bank loan to purchase the building, as well as to upgrade from its old film projectors. They must raise the money before the current owners list the property on Nov. 1.

Their first big fundraiser is a concert on Saturday night. They hope the Regina bands performing — Rah Rah, Library Voices, Indigo Joseph and Andy Shauf — will encourage people to make the trek from Regina, and even get a bus running from the Queen City.

"We are hoping to draw a much greater regional audience by having some amazing live performances that you wouldn't typically see in a small community," said Tara-Leigh Heslip, who is on the board and works as co-ordinator of the town's Main Street Revitalization.

"It really is a great venue.... When you get into (the building), you just get it."

The show this weekend will involve a paranormal twist with a visit from a psychic medium — because Miller says the building is "terribly haunted."

Although some of the opera house changed when it became the theatre, its original beams in the ceiling of the stage remain intact, as do some of the fixtures and signatures on the walls signed by performers dating back to 1904 when it was built.

"We are hoping as people come out here that they recognize the awesomeness of it," said Miller.

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Water plant's woes not a drop in the bucket: Automation's soaked

Calgary flood aftermath. Treated water may be substandard because giant city facility is in 'manual mode'

ROBSON FLETCHER
Metro in Calgary

Calgary's largest wastewater treatment facility is operating in "manual mode" due to damage from … water.

Because of the damage from June's flood, there's a "very high risk" that the plant will send treated water to the Bow River that doesn't meet provincial standards, a city report says.

"We've basically stepped back 30 years in time," said Kevin Colbran, manager of the Bonnybrook Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"We have the brain of our control system but all of the field devices and cabling that sent the information to that brain were toasted in the flood."

As a result, plant employees have to visually monitor things such as water levels and dissolved oxygen levels in the plant's various tanks and then manually turn valves to adjust flow levels and keep the treatment processes in order.

"It's more challenging," Colbran said.

"These plants are pretty complex now. They're designed with automation in mind, not manual operation."

It also takes a lot longer, he added, since employees have to physically travel from one part of the 50-acre site to another to make observations, then make adjustments, then double-check that they had the desired effect.

The situation is not ideal but certainly manageable, Colbran added.

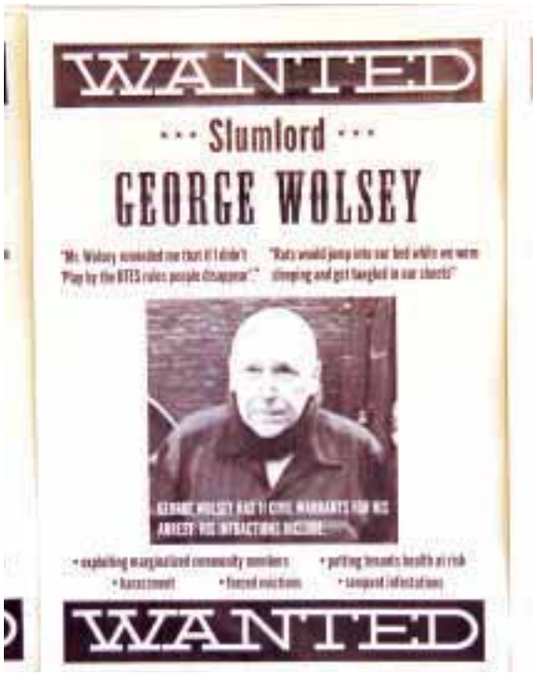
Bonnybrook operations leader Robert Kotch stands above one of the facility's clarifiers, which staff must now monitor and adjust manually after June floodwaters damaged automation systems. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Cash flow

Repairing damage and replacing equipment at the Bonnybrook plant is expected to cost another $10.1 million.

- **Protocols.** That's on top of $7.2 million already approved by city staff under emergency protocols during and immediately after the flood.
- **Priorities.** City council is to vote on the additional $10.1 million on Monday. Tentative approval has already been given by the city's priorities and finance committee.

Arrest warrants out for landlord



Landlord George Wolsey is pictured in a Vancouver "wanted" poster. METRO

EMILY JACKSON
Metro in Vancouver

George Wolsey, a notorious landlord in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, is officially a wanted man after refusing to pay thousands in damages to former tenants of his dilapidated buildings.

The B.C. provincial court ordered 10 warrants for Wolsey's arrest on Tuesday after he repeatedly failed to show up in court to address his $18,163.75 debt to 10 former residents of the Wonder and Palace hotels, the Pivot Legal Society said at a news conference on Wednesday.

It's a paltry sum for a man who sold the two cockroach- and bedbug-infested single-room occupancy hotels in Vancouver's poorest neighbourhood for about $4 million in 2012.

Court action happened after the city issued an injunction forcing him to repair the buildings, which didn't have functional fire escapes.

"He's a heartless S.O.B.," former resident Stephen Freeman told reporters, adding Wolsey evicted him from his mouse-ridden room for buying methadone from a different pharmacist.

Wolsey, a Langley resident who had his pharmacist licence stripped in 2004 for forcing his tenants to fill their prescriptions through him, has seven days to turn himself in or Surrey sheriff services will begin searching for him.

This is the first time a Vancouver landlord has faced arrest warrants, Pivot lawyer Douglas King said.

Though it took Pivot five years to get to this point despite tenants paying dearly with their health after living in such neglect, King sees this as a success story.

"If you neglect buildings, if you take advantage of marginalized people, it will come back to you," he said.

Quoted

He's a tyrant, period.

Stephen Freeman, who says he was evicted by George Wolsey

Tory tome. Hockey's in his blood, so PM pens a hockey history book

Stephen Harper can soon add another line to his resumé — published author.

The prime minister's book on the history of hockey is set to hit store shelves on Nov. 5.

A Great Game: The Forgotten Leafs and the Rise of Professional Hockey looks at the early years of the game.

It will also feature photos of famous arenas and the game's earliest star players.

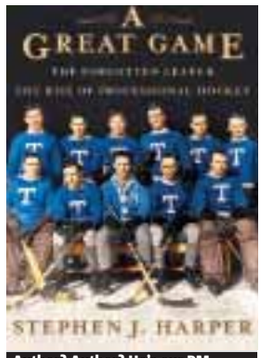
"Drawing on extensive archival records and illustrations, histories of the sport, and newspaper files, A Great Game delves into the fascinating early years of ice hockey," publisher Simon and Schuster Canada said Wednesday.

"It tells of the hockey heroes and hard-boiled businessmen who built the game, and the rise and fall of legendary teams pursuing the Stanley Cup."

Harper has spent years on the book, reportedly setting aside a few minutes each day to work on it.

The prime minister is known to be a giant hockey fan and regularly attends NHL games — although the Toronto-born Harper remains coy about his favourite NHL team.

All Harper's proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the Canadian Forces Personnel and Family Support Services. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Author? Author? He's our PM. THE CANADIAN PRESS/SIMON & SCHUSTER

U.S. Senate panel votes for use of force in Syria

10-7 in favour.
President's push for military strike after alleged chemical-weapons attack gains steam in Congress

President Barack Obama's request for speedy congressional backing of a military strike in Syria advanced in the Senate on Wednesday, hours after the president left open the possibility he would order retaliation for a deadly chemical weapons attack even if Congress withheld its approval.

A resolution backing the use of force against President Bashar Assad's government cleared the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on a 10-7 vote after it was stiffened at the last minute to include a pledge of support for "decisive changes to the present military balance of power" in Syria's civil war. It would rule out U.S. combat operations on the ground.

The measure is expected to reach the Senate floor next week, although the timetable for a vote is uncertain.

The support seen in the Senate will be harder to find in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives, which is also reviewing Obama's request, though its timetable is even less certain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Against unilateralism

Putin might support UN call for strike

Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned the West against taking one-sided action in Syria but said Russia "doesn't exclude" supporting a UN resolution on punitive military strikes if it is proved that Syria used poison gas on its own people. Putin expressed hope that he and Obama would discuss Syria and other issues at the G-20 summit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syrian refugees gather at the Turkish Cilvegozu gate border on Wednesday.
GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ariel Castro. Suicide spurs review of Ohio prison

The man who kidnapped three young women and repeatedly raped them in his Ohio home for nearly a decade hanged himself in his cell, prison officials said Wednesday.

Ariel Castro, 53, last month was sentenced to life in prison plus 1,000 years after his guilty plea in one of the most sensational criminal cases in recent U.S. history.

While in jail before his conviction, Castro was taken off suicide watch in June after authorities determined he was not a risk. An autopsy showed the death was a suicide.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio asked the prison system to conduct a full investigation. State Prison Director Gary Mohr ordered a review of Castro's medical and mental-health treatment and the circumstances surrounding his suicide. He said the state police were also investigating.
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Leon's staff fired after black statue is hanged

Halifax. Furniture chain has let go 2 employees, offered diversity training over August incident

A Leon's Furniture outlet in Dartmouth, N.S., is apologizing and has provided staff with sensitivity and diversity training after firing two employees over the hanging of a black statue.

The furniture store says it fired the two workers after it conducted an investigation into the incident last month.

Leon's says the bronze statute with black patina was taped and hung to an office window. The statue was altered so its eyes and mouth were whitened.

The company did not return messages seeking comment. The incident was revealed by a former Leon's employee, who has lodged a complaint of racial discrimination with the provincial Human Rights Commission.

According to the CBC, Elsworth Bottomsley told the commission he quit after the statue lynching, which followed several other racially motivated incidents over the previous two years.

Another Leon's employee, who is also alleging racial discrimination by the furniture store, is seeking to introduce the statue lynching as evidence in her case.

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Will there be a smartwatch in your stocking this year?

A model touches the screen of a Samsung Galaxy Gear smartwatch on Wednesday in Berlin, where the electronics giant unveiled its highly anticipated digital wristwatch well ahead of a similar product expected from rival Apple. Smartwatches, which can perform tasks such as displaying email and Twitter messages, are what some technology analysts believe will be this year's must-have holiday gift. The devices have been around for several years, but now that smartphone behemoths Samsung and Apple are joining the fray — and Google is pushing its Google Glass gadget — experts see a chance of wearable computers breaking into the mainstream. MICHAEL SOHN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Halifax

Rain washes out N.S. booze sales

Nova Scotia Liquor is reporting a drop in sales and profits for the first quarter of this fiscal year, a decline it attributes in part to an increase in precipitation. The Crown corporation says it earned $57.1 million in profits during the first three months of fiscal 2013-14, about $1.4 million less than the same period last year.

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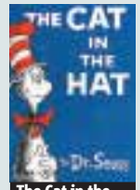
The logo of the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission THE CANADIAN PRESS

Publishing

Dr. Seuss classics go digital this fall



The Cat in the Hat SCREENGRAB

Make that the e-Cat in the Hat. Dozens of Dr. Seuss classics, including The Cat in the Hat and Green Eggs and Ham, will be available this fall for the first time as e-books. Random House Children's Books announced Wednesday that the first 15 will come out Sept. 24, followed by additional publications in October and November.

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Forget Craigslist: Call-in classifieds are alive and well in rural America

A man wants to sell a truck, and a woman wants to buy some tomatoes. In much of the world, they might turn to a computer to post ads online or flick through search results. But in some parts of rural America, they're just as likely to pick up the phone and call a local radio station.

Three times every weekday (and twice on Saturdays) people in western Arkansas call in to KARV's Dial-A-Trade, an audio adaptation of the classified ads. For an hour or so, callers explain what they're looking to buy, sell or trade. Then they leave their phone numbers. On live air. For free. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NOT ALL TEACHERS ARE MADE EQUAL

HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
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Teachers, am I right?

In honour of the beginning of the school year, this was a test.

Did you respond to the mere mention of the profession with rage, fed up with union-protected whiners who don't realize how good they've got it, what with their summer break, free apples by the desk load and brightly coloured chalk?

Or did your eyes tear up at the very thought of these educational exemplars, the second most noble profession (just behind humour columnist), preparing The Leaders of Tomorrow despite the slings and spitballs of the Grocery Store Cashiers of Tomorrow?

Middle ground often seems like a no-man's land when it comes to the battle between pro- and anti-teacher camps.

People love labels. All of us do. It's so much easier than thinking. People can be racist. Some people are classist. Others are regionalist, deciding that 5.5 million people in the Greater Toronto Area are latte-quaffing liberals or that four million Albertans are cow-romancing conservatives — all mayoral election results to the contrary.

And some people are, uh, professionist. While teacher-bashing is more popular at the moment — teacher-praising seems reserved these days for teachers and their relatives — I've rarely heard an attempt at a balanced opinion. Educators are either heroes or heels, full stop.

Here's a hypothetical conversation:

"Must be nice to be done at three o'clock and get the whole summer off," says a teacher-hater.

"Teaching is the most important profession we have and in a just society, they'd be paid as much as doctors," says a teacher-lover.

"There are many excellent teachers who are making a real difference, yet there are some awful teachers who are protected too readily by their peers," says a third person, joining in.

"Kaboom!" go the heads of the other two, like characters in a violent video game being played in the back of a classroom as we speak.

Here's the thing: I remember a theatre arts teacher who gave us a taste of Macbeth and A Raisin in the Sun in a way that made us crave more, and I remember a French teacher who showed us Weekend at Bernie's. In English. Without subtitles.

The teaching profession is a mixed bag, just like every other profession except for astronauts and air-traffic controllers (one hopes). I choose to give individual teachers the benefit of the doubt until given reason not to.

After all, these are people who deal with classes packed tighter than a New York sidewalk, and often face junior high students without a chair and whip. And how does one deal with issues like bullying and burgeoning sexuality when, as I recall, all it takes to create chaos in a classroom is one stray bumblebee?

Last time I checked, teachers are people. Sorry to be so controversial.

ZOOM

Fish killed in polluted Chinese river

GETTY IMAGES

Factory blamed for ammonia leak

This was the scene on a 40-kilometre stretch of the Fuhe River in China after a chemical spill killed about 100,000 kilograms of fish, mainly chub, carp and snakehead. High levels of ammonia leaked into the river from a factory, and the owner has been ordered to stop operating.

The government claims the river is now cleared. METRO

Other animal tragedies

- 16,000 pigs were found floating in a Shanghai river this year.
- Also this year, 1,000 dead ducks were seen in the rivers of Sichuan province.
- Similar to now, more than 40,000 kilograms of fish were killed after the 2012 spill of toxic chemical cadmium in a Guangxi river.

Fishermen's losses

$11,400

The loss per day that local fishermen will suffer, which could have a devastating effect on the area's economy.

No comment from science company

The Hubei province environmental protection department, notified of the piles of dead fish on Monday, pointed the finger at local company Hubei Shuanghuan Science and Technology Stock Co. The company said it wasn't going to immediately comment.

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Darwin the Ikea monkey made his first public appearance Dec. 9, 2012.
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If you've ever tried to find an old tweet, you know that Twitter's search function is of lamentable quality — at best. Topsy, the social media analytic king, has now fixed that wee problem and indexed every tweet ever sent. Ever. That's about 425 billion pieces of content, according to The New York Times. So what can you do with this while companies figure how to get rich from it? Have fun playing a spirited game of first tweets.

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@metropicks asked: Dr. Seuss books are coming out in e-editions. Do kids miss out on anything by using an e-reader?

@Canucklehead_ca: Good luck with that e-reader at a book signing! (See also: in direct sunlight.)

@BrianBlatnicki: how do you borrow with e-readers?

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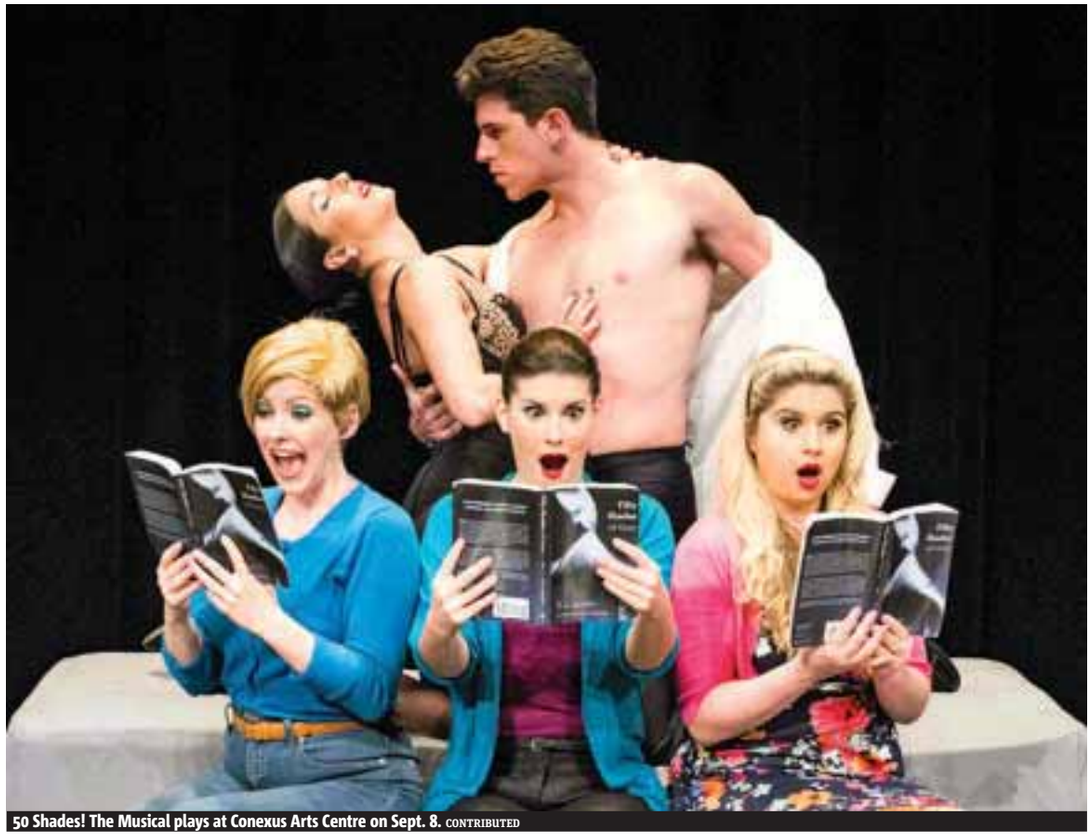

50 Shades! The Musical plays at Conexus Arts Centre on Sept. 8. CONTRIBUTED

Along the way to setting the record as the fastest-selling paperback of all time, Fifty Shades of Grey also earned a reputation for the effect it has had on women of a certain age.

Caroline Reade isn't a member of the middle-aged demographic that helped launch the novel to the top of the best-seller list, leading to it being dubbed "mommy porn", and she doesn't consider herself a prude. But the work has had a similar effect on her life and career.

"It's gotten me comfortable representing something sexual on stage, which is unusual for me," Reade said in a telephone interview.

"I've played a lot of wholesome, or girl-next-door roles. This is something a little more racy and it's gotten me to have more fun and kind of open up."

Reade, who was born in London and raised in Spain, and has danced professionally in shows including Evita and The Producers, plays the role of Inner Goddess in 50 Shades! The Musical. The show, which makes stops in Regina and Saskatoon on Sept. 8 and 9, follows the adventures of a book club that decides to read, and tries to interpret, the novel.

For the uninitiated, the source material explicitly details the relationship between a female college student and a businessman as he introduces her to the worlds of bondage and discipline. Reade's character represents Anastasia's subconscious, expressing her excitement and fear through dance.

"There's a lot of italicized lines in the book saying, 'My inner goddess heard that, and now she's belly-dancing in my head.' So they made the inner goddess an actual character in the show."

While the novel is graphic in its depiction of the relationship, Reade says the musical features tongues mainly planted firmly in cheek. It pokes fun at the characters and the writing in the novel, as well as at the reaction it has generated.

"The show is hilarious. I've been with the show since January and I still laugh every single show."

Despite the fact that it takes a somewhat mocking tone toward Fifty Shades of Grey, with musical numbers like There's a Hole Inside of Me and I Don't Make Love, Reade is quick to add that fans of the novel will enjoy it. And she should know.

"I was a huge fan of the books, and at first I thought it would be hard to see it parodied. But the more I got into the show, the more I grew to love it."

Original concept

This week, Fifty Shades of Grey author E.L. James announced that the lead roles in the film adaptation of her novel have been cast. Relative newcomer Dakota Johnson, a daughter of actors Don Johnson and Melanie Griffith, will play Anastasia. Sons of Anarchy star Charlie Hunnam will play Christian Grey , which is due to be released next summer.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Miley Cyrus. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Miley's motto: Don't think, just twerk

Miley Cyrus finally spoke out about her much-debated MTV Video Music Awards performance with Robin Thicke.

"I don't pay attention to the negative because I've seen this play out so many times," she tells MTV.com. "Madonna's done it. Britney's done it. Every VMA performance, that's what you're looking for. You're wanting to make history."

That being said, even Cyrus is surprised by how much discussion her twerking has prompted.

"People are still talking about it. They're overthinking it," she says. "You're thinking about it more than I thought about it when I did it. Like, I didn't even think about it because that's just me!"

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@TomArnold
Is my baby crying in spite of my wife's singing or because of it?

@KChenoweth
Trust me, you can dance. -Wine

@SethMacFarlane
Chilling thought: With all the billions of people on Earth, the odds are very high that right now, someone is watching "Fred Claus."

The Word

There is No Doubt that Stefani is pregnant

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Gwen Stefani, who never seems to age in spirit or looks, is proving her youthfulness yet again by getting pregnant at 43.

In Touch reports that the singer and husband Gavin Rossdale are expecting their third fabulously dressed offspring sometime soon.

A "source" tells the mag the two "couldn't be happier." If true, baby number three joins brothers Kingston, 7, and Zuma, 4.

Last year, the singer told Marie Claire that she and Rossdale tried for a third but it didn't happen.

"I really, really, really wanted one about two years ago," Stefani said.

"And it didn't really work out. So… I feel good with what we've got. Everything works out how it should. You can't plan anything, right? You can try."

Simon Cowell

Those finger paintings are truly disappointing

Simon Cowell is going to be just fine as a father once girlfriend Laura Silverman gives birth, thank you very much.

"Once I got used to (becoming a father) I did get excited. I think I will be a good dad, so I'm excited," he tells the BBC. "I am good with kids because I like kids. I really do like them and I listen to them."

But that doesn't mean Cowell plans to change any diapers.

"I'm not doing that, 100 per cent absolutely not going near that," he insists.

Calvin Klein

Sorry Beckham, we need someone less famous

To hear Calvin Klein tell it, he couldn't use David Beckham in a series of underwear ads in the U.K. recently because the soccer star was too famous.

"They said, 'You can have him for the rest of the world, but you can't have the U.K. because he's too popular,'" Klein explains to Marc Jacobs in a chat for Interview magazine.

Klein ended up going with retired Swedish soccer star Freddie Ljungberg instead.

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Jason Statham's relationship on the rocks

There might be trouble in paradise for Jason Statham and Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, as the action star and the Victoria's Secret model are reportedly taking "a break" from their three-year relationship, according to the Daily Mail.

Sources say their 19-year age difference and "constant" arguing have been taking a toll.

"There is no other person involved. They love each other very much and are not making an announcement because they're still hoping to work things out," a source says.

"But things have not been good; there have been lots of arguments."

Trouble in paradise

"Things have not been good; there have been lots of arguments."

Source
On the couple's fights

Jason Statham

In the tents or on the town

The prospect of sidling up to Lincoln Center in New York or a cocktail party in Soho wearing your most well-worn clothes may not seem like the best idea. But help is at hand, because as these styling tips we've collected from our street style galleries prove, you don't need an endless designer wardrobe to compete during fashion month.

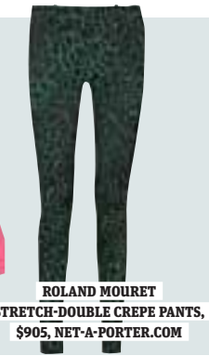
METRO WORLD NEWS

The Pick'n'Mix

A taxi driver once told Garance Dore that he could spot the girls working in fashion by the fact that nothing they wore matched. Pairing Breton stripes with graphic florals and a denim jacket might be unexpected in the civilian world, but in fashion the two go together like Karl Lagerfeld and Chanel. The irreverence that lies behind such a move is obvious. This tip is all about attitude, so whilst there's a fine line between experimental and, well, ugly, you'll exude confidence by daring to work it.

JIMMY CHOO PUMPS, $695 JIMMYCHOO.COM

ROKSANDA ILINCIC TOP, $815, NET-A-PORTER.COM



ROLAND MOURET STRETCH-DOUBLE CREPE PANTS, $905, NET-A-PORTER.COM

The Sweatshirt Effect

Ever since sports-luxe became a fashion noun, sweatshirts have slowly worked their way into the most stylish of wardrobes. Build up a go-to look by teaming a grown-up version with basic skinny jeans and a high-impact accessory such as a statement necklace or a leopard print bag.

CARVEN SWEATER, $271, MY-WARDROBE.COM

RODARTE SWEATER, BROWNSFASHION.COM, $249

MOTHER OF PEARL SWEATER, $355, NET-A-PORTER.COM

The Fashion Pop

By Milan fashion week the impracticality of those huge Balmain shoulders or bandaged JW Anderson sleeves will be hitting home and cravings for a more comfortable look will start to kick in. This fashionista occupied the middle ground at Italy's fashion week with a fashion pop — that one special item that lifts an entire look. In this case it's her unusual jacket that adds a finished twist to an otherwise laid-back ensemble.

ALEXANDER MCQUEEN BELT, $995, ALEXANDERMCQUEEN.COM

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Bellissima! Pasta Primavera minus pesky carbohydrates

This recipe serves four. PRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM THE SIMPLYRAW KITCHEN BY NATASHA KYSSA

The most delicious and satisfying meals are often the simplest. This flavourful favourite is bound to sweep you away. Make it your very own low-carb staple. Enjoy with a glass of biodynamic red wine, if you wish.

1. Noodles: Slice zucchini in thirds, then spiralize (by using a potato peeler) into thin noodles. Set in colander to drain. (Once zucchini noodles are mixed with sauce, they will release a lot of water, making them soggy. Drain spiralized noodles in a colander, sprinkled with a little salt, before adding sauce. Or pat zucchini between paper towels to pull out some of the excess moisture.)

2. Primavera Sauce: In a blender, blend tomatoes, red pepper, and garlic. Add remainder of sauce ingredients and blend until well mixed. Spoon over noodles and sprinkle with black pepper, basil, and 2 to 3 tablespoons of Pine Nut Parma (optional).

3. Pine Nut Parma: In a food processor, chop nuts to a fine meal (or finely chop by hand). Add salt, onion powder, and yeast and pulse until crumbly. Parma will keep in refrigerator for 1 month. RECIPES PRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM THE SIMPLYRAW KITCHEN BY NATASHA KYSSA

Ingredients

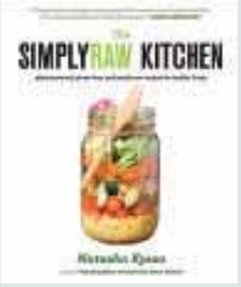
Noodles
- 6 medium zucchinis, peeled

Primavera Sauce
- 4 medium Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cup (250 ml) chopped red bell peppers
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 cup (250 ml) sun-dried tomatoes, soaked for 30 minutes
- 2 tbsp pitted Kalamata olives
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 pitted Medjool dates or 1 tbsp maple syrup
- 2 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- 3 tbsp minced fresh basil leaves
- 1 tbsp minced fresh oregano leaves
- 1 tbsp gluten-free tamari
- 1/8 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- cayenne pepper, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh basil, for garnish

Pine Nut Parma
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) dry pine nuts
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) dry cashews
- 1/8 tsp Himalayan salt
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 2 tbsp nutritional yeast (optional)

Cookbook of the Week

Raw made easy



Promoting a balanced, flexible diet based on gluten-free and toxin-free plant foods can be easy and delicious. Natasha Kyssa sets out to prove this in her book The SimplyRaw Kitchen.

Through 134 recipes the book features a guide to the lifestyle that's easy to follow and accessible.

Among the delicious raw dishes in The SimplyRaw Kitchen are Spicy Thai Salad, Spinach and Mushroom Dip, Soft Taco Verde, Romanian Cabbage Rolls, Corn and Bean Skillet and more. METRO

Film festival decorating on a budget

As the Toronto International Film Festival ramps up for another run and my love for The Great Gatsby movie lingers on, I thought it would be nice to pay homage by adding some art deco glam into my home. From walking the red carpet to creating sparkle and shine, there are lots of on-trend home decor accessories to help you feel like the VIPs when coming home from a night at the movies.

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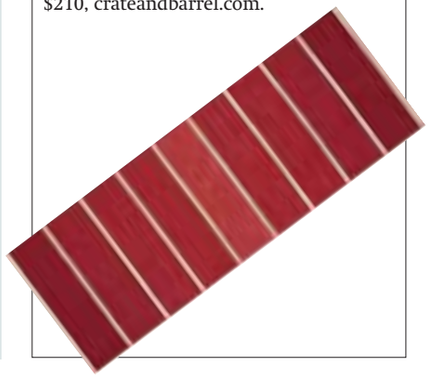
Placemat

Layer on the dining table for instant sparkle at your next dinner party or place one under a crystal lamp to dress up an end table. Urban Beaded Placemat, $12.50, simons.ca.

Runner

Feel like a VIP when you walk through the front door with your very own red carpet. Bold Stripe Red Floor Runner, $210, crateandbarrel.com.



Bathroom tray

Display your perfume bottles or soap in true '20s Hollywood style. Polished Nickel Accessory Tray, $21, sears.ca.

Chandelier

Inject Hollywood glamour to a foyer or bedroom with the drama of sleek black. Concerto Six-Light Black Lucite Chandelier, $179, homedepot.ca.

Beaded pillow

Add the sparkle of French gold to a neutral sofa or chair. Beaded Lombar Pillow Cover, $59, zarahome.com.

Drink cart

Perfect for holding towels in the bath or bottles on the terrace. Chrome and glass looks great in any decor. Ernst Chrome Bar, $199, cb2.com.

Mirrored chest

Place beside the bed, in a foyer or as a bar cabinet in the dining room; mirror always adds a lux-touch. Glamour Bedside Mirrored Chest, $699, bombay.ca.

Champagne glasses

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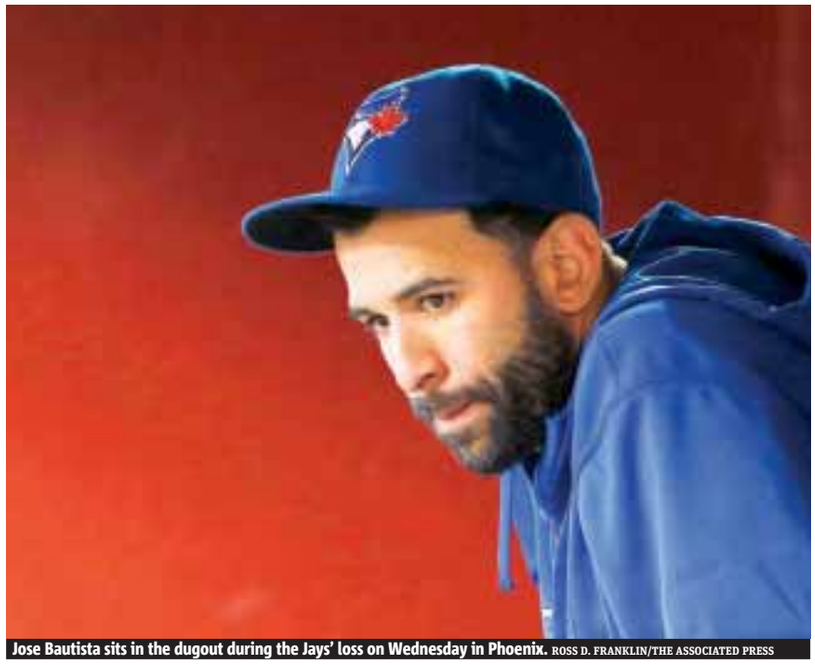
Jays put Bautista on shelf until 2014

MLB. Once again, injury prematurely ends Toronto star's season



Jose Bautista sits in the dugout during the Jays' loss on Wednesday in Phoenix. ROSS D. FRANKLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Given the dramatic off-season overhaul, it's remarkable how much this miserable Blue Jays season feels just like last year.

The payroll jumped by 50 per cent, attendance is up by nearly 400,000 and the roster — well, mostly the disabled list — includes more former all-stars.

But the Jays are on pace to conclude just a couple of wins ahead of where they finished last year.

Another similarity: Face of the franchise Jose Bautista will once again finish his season on the DL.

Before Wednesday's extra-innings loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks, the Jays announced their slugging right-fielder — who underwent season-ending wrist surgery last August — will be shut down for the remainder of the season to let his leg injury fully heal.

Bautista has been on the disabled list for the past two weeks with nagging hip pain, which has now been diagnosed as a bone bruise in the neck of his left femur.

The leg has been healing well, Bautista said, but hip specialist Dr. Bryan Kelly recommended two more weeks of rest, after which time the 32-year-old all-star would have to work himself back into game shape and would only be able to return to the big leagues in the final week of the season, at the earliest.

"We'll only have a handful of games left, so for those reasons he recommended I get shut down, and myself and the team agreed," Bautista said. "It's not exactly how I wanted to end this season, but ... it's the only way you can heal up. I have no choice but to follow the doctor's recommendations."

The fact that the Jays are not in contention also played into the decision.

"Just a combination of all the factors timing-wise: Our team situation, the type of injury and the extent of the injury," Bautista said.

Last July, Bautista, who has 28 home runs this season, suffered an injury to a tendon in his left wrist on the follow-through of a swing. He said he's frustrated by how the past two years have ended.

"I'm one of those players that takes a lot of pride in working out hard and coming in really good shape in the off-season. Unfortunately, I had two impact plays that prevented me from finishing the season strong in the last two years. I'm hoping I have better luck next year."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Moving toward 200

"I'm in striking distance so I'm going to go out there and try to finish the season strong."

Mark Buehrle, who is fewer than 15 innings from reaching 200 innings pitched after throwing 6 1/3 frames in Wednesday's 4-3 loss to the Diamondbacks

CFL

Bombers eye new pivot prospect

The struggling Winnipeg Blue Bombers signed yet another quarterback Wednesday.

Winnipeg (1-8) signed Levi Brown, who spent last season with the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Brown was a 2010 seventh-round draft pick of the NFL's Buffalo Bills.

Brown saw action in Buffalo's final regular-season game as a rookie, completing two-of-three passes for 24 yards.

The 26-year-old from Mount Juliet, Tenn., spent the following season on the Bills' practice roster.

He joins Jason Boltus, who signed last month with the Bombers, as well as Max Hall, Justin Goltz and Buck Pierce on Winnipeg's quarterback depth chart. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Athletics

World's fastest man ready to slow down after Rio

Usain Bolt plans to retire after the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Bolt said Wednesday he wants to win more gold in Rio, set another world record in the 200 metres in 2014 and perhaps win gold at the Commonwealth Games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Usain Bolt GETTY IMAGES

Victoria victoriously reaches semifinals

Victoria Azarenka returns a backhand to Daniela Hantuchova during their quarter-final match at the U.S. Open in New York on Wednesday. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

Second-seeded Victoria Azarenka moved a win away from a possible showdown in the U.S. Open finals with Serena Williams, topping Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, 6-3 on Wednesday in the quarterfinals.

Azarenka has beaten top-seeded Williams twice this year, including last month in the final of a tuneup tournament in Cincinnati. Last year, Williams topped Azarenka in three sets for her fourth title at Flushing Meadows.

The quarter-final against 48th-ranked Hantuchova wasn't much of a roadblock. Hantuchova, returning to the U.S. Open quarters for the first time since 2002, broke Azarenka's first service game in both sets but gave back both breaks right away.

Standing in the way of a Williams-Azarenka final are fifth-seeded Li Na, who plays Williams in Friday's semi-finals, and 83rd-ranked Flavia Pennetta, who goes against Azarenka.

Earlier in the day on the men's side, Richard Gasquet of France reached his second Grand Slam semifinal, and first since 2007, by eliminating fourth-seeded David Ferrer of Spain 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3.

The eighth-seeded Gasquet was playing in only the second major quarterfinal of his career.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
No one in their right mind would knowingly annoy you so likely the reason a colleague is being such a pain today is because they are stupid rather than hateful. Don't hit back.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You like a challenge and that's just as well as the challenges now coming your way will be bigger than anything you have faced before. You will enjoy showing the world what a dynamic Taurus you are.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may come in for criticism today but no way will you take it lying down. The more others bark at you, the more you will bark back. You may not be the biggest beast on the block but you are the loudest.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Whatever you start over the next 24 hours you must see through to completion, so make sure it is what you really want to be doing. If you are still undecided then forget it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Today's new moon will encourage you to believe that you can do more in your career and that you can turn your talents into hard cash. Remember: If a job is worth doing it is worth getting well paid for.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today's new moon in your sign means you are capable of feats that ordinary mortals cannot compete with. But don't do things to impress. Do them to further your ambitions.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
People are not blocking your way deliberately, although it may seem like it. Look at your own state of mind. It will tell you more than what partners or co-workers are up to.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What you gain will be more important than what you lose today, so don't try to hang on to what is clearly moving away from you. Life is an eternal revolving circle — enjoy the ride.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you start something new today, your name will soon be in lights. The new moon means you have the vision, and the confidence, to make a success of whatever you are planning.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
What happens over the next 24 hours will make it clear that a more positive cycle is starting. You don't have to do anything special but you do have to be ready to travel quickly.

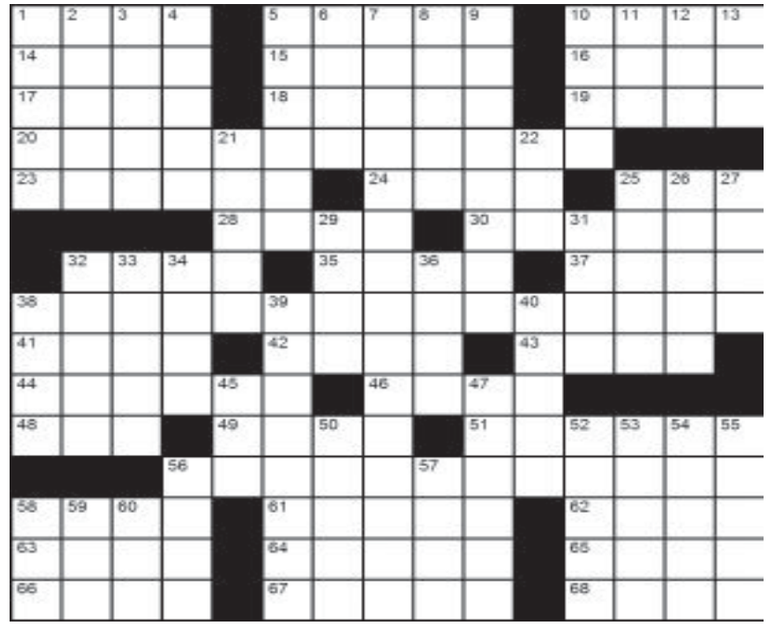
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you have financial issues to deal with, now is the ideal time to get serious about them. The new moon will inspire you to knuckle down and find solutions to problems that others have given up on.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You cannot afford to be soft or sentimental. Cosmic activity in your opposite sign demands that you see things, relationships especially, as they are, not as you wish they might be. Be tough with others but more so with yourself. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



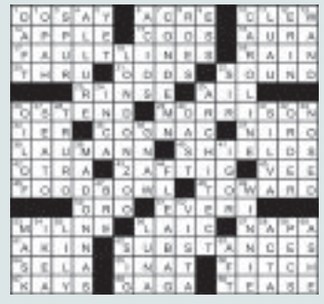
Across

1. Annoyed state
5. Daniel __, Robinson Crusoe author
10. Cape Canaveral org.
14. Culture medium
15. Ring-shaped coral island with a lagoon in the middle
16. Amazes
17. Trojan princess in Mozart's opera Idomeneo
18. 'R' of US state RI
19. Slowly advance
20. tiff. = Toronto International __ __
23. Maintain, as an opinion
24. Necklace bit
25. Slalom
28. Dubuque's locale
30. Wobble
32. Used a loom
35. Singer style
37. Annoy
38. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is on them: 3 wds.
41. Roll _ __ (Have one's turn in board game playing)
42. Plane crash investigation agcy.
43. Depend on
44. Movie legend Marilyn (b.1926 - d.1962)
46. __ _ hat for the lady (Be gentlemanly)
48. Meadow mom
49. __ collar
51. Media company acquired by Bell
56. Canada Post business: 2 wds.
58. "Whoopee!"
61. Easily duped
62. Perceived
63. Canadian actor Mr. Cronyn, star of the flick at #57-Down
64. Decorative pin holders
65. Actress, __ Rachel Wood
66. Russian city
67. Convened again
68. Prefix to 'phone'

Down

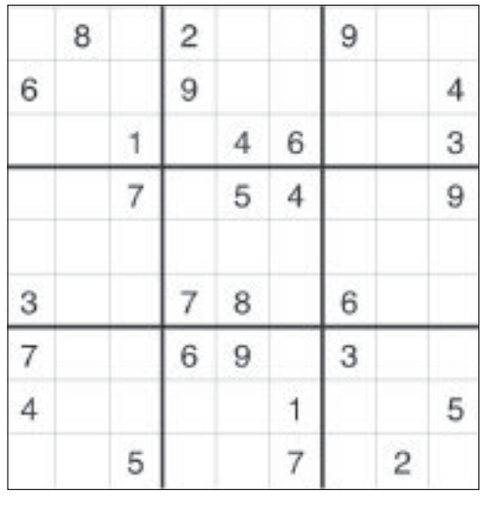
1. Seaport of Israel
2. Citrus hybrids
3. Gets an F on
4. Set up
5. __ __ be different (Nonconformist's credo)
6. Shakespearean suffixes
7. Where to attend a CFL game: 2 wds.
8. Musical blast from the past
9. "Love in an __" by Aerosmith
10. Painting holder
11. Barley bristle
12. "Hey! Hold on a __!"
13. Volcanic eruption stuff
21. Used a pan
22. Fruit drink
25. Motionless
26. __ green
27. Furies
29. Mr. Disney
31. __ Canal
32. Franz Lehar operetta, The Merry __
33. Sheep-like
34. Sharply turn
36. __ International (Canadian womenswear chain, once)
38. Renown
39. Stand-up's quick joke
40. Enforcer in "The Godfather" (1972), Luca __
45. Chance __ _ lifetime
47. Most faint
50. Uplift
52. Clicker-holder's target: 2 wds.
53. Actor Christopher
54. "He's _ __ Nowhere Man..." - The Beatles
55. Jeff of ELO
56. Docile
57. "A Letter for __" (1946)
58. British Sci-Fi series, "Doctor __"
59. Sing wordlessly
60. First aid team [acronym]

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

1	3	5	4	6	9	7	2	8
9	7	8	3	2	1	5	4	6
6	4	2	5	8	7	3	1	9
5	6	1	8	7	4	9	3	2
7	8	4	2	9	3	6	5	1
2	9	3	1	5	6	4	8	7
8	1	7	9	4	5	2	6	3
4	2	6	7	3	8	1	9	5
3	5	9	6	1	2	8	7	4

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